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2007 CITIZEN CORPS REGIONAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD ACROSS NEBRASKA

Lincoln, NE – If a tornado came through your community tonight, would you be prepared? What will you do if the next ice storm disrupts the electricity to your home or business? Citizen Corps helps Nebraska’s citizens prepare for all types of disaster. To further develop Citizen Corps in Nebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission (NVSC) will host six Regional Citizen Corps Meeting beginning June 21 in Scottsbluff and ending June 28 in Omaha. The NVSC will also host meetings in North Platte, Grand Island, Norfolk and Crete, respectively. Regional Citizen Corps Meetings are designed to introduce the Citizen Corps Community Preparedness Campaign and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Train-the-Trainer standardized program; explain the application process and requirements for acquiring 2007-2008 Citizen Corps Council funds; develop the new regional system of Citizen Corps Councils; and provide technical assistance in the development of Nebraska’s Citizen Corps Program with the eventual goal of expanding the 23 existing Citizen Corps Councils into all 93 Nebraska counties.

The six Regional Citizen Corps Meetings are open to anyone in the public with an interest in community disaster preparedness, but are aimed specifically toward County and Regional Emergency Management Directors; representatives of first responder agencies; Citizen Corps Council Points of Contact and Citizen Corps members; CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members and trainers; and representatives of community, faith based, public health, education and non-profit organizations. The full schedule below lists all meeting locations, dates and times:

REGIONAL AREA	CITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1-Panhandle	Scottsbluff	June 21	1:30-5:00 pm	Conference Room Scottsbluff Police Department	2525 Circle Dr. Scottsbluff, NE
2-Southwest	North Platte	June 20	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Conference Room No. Platte Airport	5400 East Lee Bird Dr. North Platte, NE
3-South Central	Grand Island	June 19	1:30-5:00 pm	Community Room Grand Island City Hall	100 East 1 st St. Grand Island, NE
4-North Central/ East	Norfolk	June 26	1:30-5:00 pm	Lifelong Learning Center , Suite “H”, NE Nebr Community College	801 East Benjamin Ave. Norfolk, NE
5-Southeast	Crete	June 27	1:30-5:00 pm	Conference Room Crete Area Medical Center	2910 Betten Dr. Crete, NE
6-East	Omaha	June 28	1:30-5:00 pm	Omaha Police Department	10245 Wiesman Dr. Omaha, NE

Citizen Corps was established after September 11, 2001 to engage the public in preparedness through education, outreach, training and volunteer service. More information is available at www.citizencorps.gov for more information.

The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

Citizen Corps is a program sponsored by the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission. The Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission was established in 1994 to promote, mobilize, and support the efforts of all Nebraskans who are united in strengthening their communities, state and nation through volunteer and community service. More information is available at www.nvsc.ne.gov.

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